

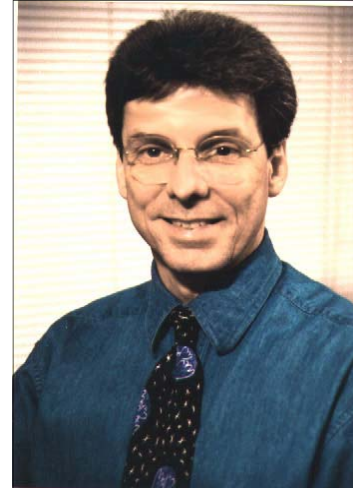
# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

## Dr. Keith Polette

is the Director of the English Education program at the University of Texas at El Paso. In his more than 23 years as a practicing educator, he has taught at the University level and in public schools, where he taught both remedial and advanced classes. A specialist in children's and young adult literacy (with a background in English and Drama), Keith presents cutting-edge strategies that bring the magic of teaching reading and writing to life!

Keith is constantly sought-after as a featured speaker and is a nationally recognized K-12 literacy consultant and popular author.

His works include four children's books, *Isabel and the Hungry Coyote*, *Paco and the Giant Chile Plant*, *Moon over the Mountain* (Raven Tree Press), and *The Winter Duckling* (Milliken), an International Reading Association's Children's Choice Award winner. In addition, he's also written *Teaching Grammar through Writing* and *Read and Write It Out Loud* (Allyn & Bacon), *Spoofing and Proofing the Classics* (Teachers Ideas Press), and *Look Out! Letters Alive* (Pieces of Learning).



## Erik Szabo

is the President and Founder of Board Games Express, the world's largest specialty board game store. Known by many as "The Game Guy", Erik is one of the nation's leading board game experts. He has played over 5,000 different games and he has been used as a resource in many game articles and documentaries. Since 2004, Erik has been traveling the country showing child care providers and educators how to "do games" better. Erik is an energetic, dynamic and thought-provoking speaker... one you certainly will not quickly forget.